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S2A Sport Mobility project to enhance the skills of sport administrators through learning mobility kicks off in Pristina (Kosovo)

The 25th and 26th of 2020 saw the kick-off meeting for a new transnational initiative co-funded by the European Commission under a specific call for proposals entitled “Exchanges and mobility in Sport”.

The S2A Sport Mobility project is an 18-month initiative which has the ambition to support the sport sector in realising its full potential by enhancing the skills of sport administrators engaged as paid staff and volunteers within sport organisations, and to strengthen their future employability and personal development through learning mobility experiences.

Indeed, the project will offer the opportunity to 40 sport administrators to take part in a fit-for-purpose transnational training programme on sport administration that will be delivered through 3 modules of 1 week in 3 different Western Balkans countries. A total of 32 participants will come from Western Balkans (Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, and North Macedonia) and 8 participants from the European Union.

The training programme will be supplemented by a 4 days tailor made national study visit for each participant to undertake a concrete experience abroad and acquire new skills from such learning mobility.

The goal is to enhance the skills of sport administrators but also to contribute to the capacity building of their sport organisations and so the development of sport in the Western Balkans and the European Union.

Hosted by the National Olympic Committee of Kosovo in Pristina, the kick off meeting was organised to ensure partners are familiar with the overall methodology, the work plan and their specific role and responsibilities within the project which will conclude in June 2021.



The partners debated key concepts of sport administration and learning mobility to ensure a common understanding and worked together to underline the main priorities and start the development of the content of the innovative training programme in sport administration. The focus was also on the profile of the participants and the logistic behind the delivery of the weeks of training in Western Balkans.

Aurélien Favre, Executive Director for EOSE said *“we are delighted to start work with this unique consortium composed of 50% of organisations from the European Union and 50% from the Western Balkans. Concrete learning mobility activities will be delivered to enhance the skills of sport administrators and create the conditions to the build the capacity of sport organisations”*.

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